

REBELS SHOOT AMERICAN TROOPER

MASONS WILL BEGIN 4-DAY MEET MONDAY

Delegates from Other Cities in Oregon Will Arrive Over Weekend

LODGE MEN HERE READY FOR GUESTS

Three Organizations Will Hold State Conventions, Register in Lobby of Sacajawea Inn

Masonic week is about to arrive in La Grande. It will begin Monday and continue through Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and will include the fifth annual convocation of the Grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons, the 44th annual assembly of the Grand council, R. & S. M., and the 43rd annual convocation of the Grand commandery, Knights Templar.

During the four days delegates and members of the lodge and organizations from all parts of the state will be in La Grande. Many of the delegations will arrive Sunday and will register with the committee in the lobby of the Sacajawea Inn.

All committees in this city have completed preparations for the event, under the general chairmanship of George T. Cochran.

Banquet Wednesday

The outstanding social event of the conventions will be the banquet of the Grand commandery, K. T. Wednesday night at 6 o'clock to be followed by a ball at 9 o'clock. Both functions will be held in the Sacajawea Inn.

Monday the Grand chapter session will begin and in the evening will include the order high priest hood.

Tuesday evening the super excellent degree will be part of the Grand council session.

Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock the Grand commandery session will open and in the afternoon the Templar parade will be held. The Knights of Malta degree will be conferred in full form.

The four-day program follows: Monday, April 8

9:30 A. M.—Registration of delegates, lobby Masonic temple.

10:30 A. M.—Opening of Grand chapter.

11:30 A. M.—Reception of grand representatives and distinguished visitors.

12:30 P. M.—Address of grand orator.

Noon—Luncheon, Masonic temple.

1:30 P. M.—Reconvene.

2:00 P. M.—Election—Grand officers. Reports of committees. Other business. Installation.

7:30 P. M.—Hodson council, Order of High Priesthood, will convene and confer the degree on all

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WAR VETERANS PREPARING FOR CONVENTIONS

A large number of the members of James E. Page camp, No. 14, United Spanish War Veterans and auxiliary, are planning to attend the state convocation to be held in Roseburg during the month of July, and also the national convocation to be held in Denver in September.

They expect to be uniformed and armed, and to be led by a set of colors—one Old Glory, the emblem of the country, and the other designating the camp, La Grande and the state of Oregon.

The camp already has the uniforms and guns, and is now planning for ways and means of obtaining the set of colors, so that La Grande may be properly represented at the state and national conventions.

The Need For A Forward-Looking Cohesive Spirit In Oregon

An address by Robert W. Sawyer, Publisher Bend Bulletin, President of State Editorial Association, and Member of State Highway Commission, Delivered at the Eleventh Annual Press Conference, University of Oregon.

The fact that a paper discussing ways of developing a forward-looking and cohesive spirit in Oregon seemed desirable and in place at this press conference is we must realize, evidence that such spirit is lacking today. And, indeed, is it not? On all sides, rise complaints that Oregon is stricken with poverty, overburdened with debt and taxation, lacking in leadership, given to fads and foolishness in legislation. From this quarter veiled charges are made against our legislators and public officials, from that come innuendoes and whisper directed at leaders in endeavor of every sort. Oregon is compared with her neighbors to her disadvantage and discredit. We suffer from a complexity of complexities.

Edmund Burke did not "know the method of drawing up an indictment against a whole people," and I cannot write a prescription for a whole state. I can, however, point out how little they regard the facts who see in Oregon only frustration and negation and I can urge upon you here and upon our newspaper leaders in every town and city in the state to sound a new note of progress and optimism. Let the public that is so largely to blame for the complaints we hear in Oregon today be given the facts until the true greatness of Oregon is known.

Do not misunderstand, I am no naïve Pollyanna, nor do I propose any campaign of boost. I urge rather that we cease this constant assertion of the negative, that instead of denying we affirm, that we learn our Oregon, that we stop complaining over what she lacks and recognize and make the most of the abundance she has.

What an abundance that is! In timber, in wheat, in fisheries, in fruits, in sheep, in cattle, in farms—no, I do not say that Oregon leads the world nor the nation.

54 Scouts Given Badges At Local Court Of Honor

Fifty-four Boy Scouts of La Grande received merit and other badges at the court of honor held last night in the auditorium of La Grande High school.

F. J. Meyer, president of the court, Dr. Ray Murphy, Charles H. Reynolds, Dr. W. T. Piny and E. Russell Scott were the other members of the court board in attendance.

Hobby Metcalf was awarded a second class badge. When the list of all the scouts to receive badges was given to The Observer yesterday his name was omitted.

Next Tuesday, Mr. Scott and Dr. Piny will go to Baker to meet with scout officials. The financial campaign for scouting in Baker will begin then.

Enforcing 8 to 6 Ruling On Dogs

Six dogs, practically all licensed, have been picked up by the city dog catcher during the last two days because owners permitted them to run at large before 8 a. m. and after 6 p. m., which is in violation of the city ordinance. Police Chief Clint Haynes reported this morning.

A fee of \$1 is being charged the owners of the dogs for their release, it is announced.

According to the ordinance, dogs are permitted to run at large in La Grande only between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m.

No Diseases In City at Present

For the first time in many weeks La Grande can boast today of having no cases of contagious disease under quarantine. Yesterday the police removed the scarlet fever flag from a residence at 2294 Cedar street, the only one up in this city.

Baby Daughter Is Laid To Rest Here

Little Carolyn La Rue Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, who died Apr. 4 at the Grande Ronde hospital a few hours after birth, was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in the Odd Fellows cemetery. The services were in charge of the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

CONGRESSMAN DIES

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (AP)—Representative Whitwell P. Martin, democrat of Louisiana, died here early today at Garfield hospital.

Committee Will Secure Fund For Dairy Campaign

Chamber of Commerce Directors Open Way for Full Co-operation With Wallowa County

Authorizing the executive secretary, Albert Hunter, to appoint a finance committee to secure a fund for Union county's joint participation with Wallowa communities in dairy development, the chamber of commerce board of directors last night laid the way for full co-operation in this project for the year.

Other communities interested in dairying in this county will be invited to participate with those from Wallowa county and the board designated next Tuesday's forum luncheon for a program touching land settlement for dairying. Wallowa county representatives will visit La Grande the following week. It is understood, and a consolidated program will be worked out. Local directors indicated a combined budget of \$1800 to \$2200 for the counties could be secured.

Consideration was also given the matter of developing the home market for La Grande-made products. This will receive the attention of the board and the forum luncheon later on.

In addition to these matters, Oscar Warnock was elected treasurer for the chamber for this year at last night's meeting. Directors in attendance were: A. W. Nelson, president; A. J. Stange and A. T. Hill, vice presidents; Julius Roesch, Robert S. Eakin, Hugh Brady, Oscar Warnock, F. A. Epling and F. B. Appleby.

Five Killed In Hotel Blaze In Des Moines, Ia.

DES MOINES, Ia., Apr. 6 (AP)—Five persons are dead and 45 seriously burned, the result of fire which destroyed historic Kirkwood hotel today. The blaze caused a loss in excess of \$20,000.

The dead, Carl Jerrup, waiter; Mrs. Ted Watson; W. P. Raddler, John P. Scott, Tom Conter.

Twelve persons were taken to hospitals and many others injured and burned were given first aid treatment. Between 125 and 150 persons were in the building when the fire broke out.

Several persons, most of whom were unidentified, performed thrilling rescues. A fireman stopped a girl who tried to jump from a third floor window, and succeeded in pulling her to safety and carrying her to the street after she had swung like a pendulum from one of his hands.

Anne Morrow Is Learning To Fly

MEXICO CITY, April 6 (AP)—This capital, which decided a month ago Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh was teaching his fiancée, Miss Anne Morrow, to fly, is now convinced she is gaining some proficiency with an airplane.

A. P. Staff Photographer Tells Of Morning Spent On Naco Firing Line

By John Thomas Horns (Associated Press Staff Photographer)

ON THE FIRING LINE, Naco, Sonora, Mexico, April 6 (AP)—Dawn broke with a rattle of musketry and the long awaited battle of Naco was on. Four of us, American news cameramen, had jiggled seats on the Federal firing line. We stood within fifty yards of the end of the Federal trenches between two parted box cars, closer than any other American observer.

Bullets whizzed about in an unrelenting stream. There was a view of comedy in this tragedy of battle. Federal Mexican soldiers were yelling and whistling like wild men. Three Mexican women, one running from a house to the trenches near us carrying food, kisses and insults.

Spasmodically a strident bugle call rose above the clamor, the soldiers in trenches fingered their noses at the approaching rebels. Some threw kisses. Another begged call for what we did not know, and the troops in trenches seemed to care less.

The Rebel air raid accompanying the infantry advances attracted no attention in the trenches. The dog in Federal kept plugging away, firing over the plain in any direction that caught the individual's fancy.

Then came a Rebel tank. The Federal troops went into wild spasms of yelling. All rifles and carbines pointed toward it, spitting steel-jacketed bullets. The tank backed up, then came forward again, like a dog in attack. Again the bugle call and another rattle of musketry at the tank.

Then a little yellow pup of a dog joined the fray. It stood up on the earthworks barking like mad. Every time it noticed a bullet spluttering the earth near it dashed out barking shrilly and dizzing and biting at the spot where the bullet raised dust. It was busy chasing them.

STORMS KILL 17 OVER THE MIDDLEWEST

Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa in Path of Near Tornado Winds

PROPERTY DAMAGE IS NOT ESTIMATED

More Than 100 Persons in Hospitals, Some So Severely Hurt They May Not Live

MINNEAPOLIS, Apr. 6 (AP)—A mounting casualty list which stood at 17 dead, three missing and more than 100 injured besides property damage estimated at millions of dollars, bore testimony today to the fury of spring storms which swirled over Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa yesterday.

The property damage can hardly be accurately estimated, so wide was the storm's path and so incomplete were reports from the several storm centers; but it was certain to run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Farm Buildings Wrecked. In North Minneapolis alone the damage was fixed at \$100,000, while the storm's wake in country sections was strewn with wrecked farm buildings.

The most destructive of the storms formed over Lake Minnesota, a summer resort near Minneapolis. It struck with increasing velocity on the north side of the city, wrecking many homes, damaging communication lines and uprooting trees. It tore its way

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General Pershing Has Slight Cold

PARIS, Apr. 6 (AP)—General John Pershing has a slight cold. He has not kept him from his work or indoors, he says, however, but is severely incident to his recovery from influenza. He is following his normal routine and dined with friends last night.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (AP)—The possibility that General John J. Pershing may become the next ambassador to France has been injected into the official speculation which always thrives in Washington when an appointment of such importance is pending.

Bomb Turns Out To Be Wind Gust

BAKER, Ore., April 6, (AP)—When a high wind carried away his 200-yard radio aerial and chimney, M. M. Morgan of Burke thought it was a bomb. He notified Sheriff McKinney. The sheriff reported the temporary gale had torn down the aerial and took the chimney with it.

CAPTURED 17



Ten years after the war, a rival to Sergeant Alvin York, famous hero, has been discovered. Lewis Poppe, of New Bremen, Ohio, above, has been revealed as the unnamed, single-handed captor of 17 German soldiers at an outpost in France on Oct. 9, 1918.

Max Christochowicz, Indian, German veteran who headed the captured squad, bears out his story, and is adding in an effort to get him a medal. Poppe, going for water, came upon the Germans in a dugout and bluffed them into surrendering by telling them he had 50 Americans at his back. Christochowicz is now an accountant in Lima, Ohio.

LOUISIANA VOTES TO TRY GOVERNOR

House of Representatives Sends Long Case to the State Senate

BATON ROUGE, La., April 6, (AP)—The house of representatives here voted today to send Huey P. Long, governor, to trial before the state senate. The vote was 58 to 49.

Before the opening of the impeachment hearing in the house of representatives against Governor Long, members of the legislature were called in singly and in groups before the governor, who sought to stem the tide of impeachment.

Anglers Ask Fish Opening April 14

PORTLAND, Ore., April 6 (AP)—Petitions asking that the fishing season opening date be changed from April 15 to April 14 to allow workers a chance to take advantage of Sunday were in the hands of the state game commission today.

Action, however, is unlikely because the fish commission cannot change the date.

Rum Runners In Gun Battle; One Shot To Death

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 6 (AP)—Andy Ormes was given his choice of "taking a ride," Chicago style, or "sitting it out" with rival rum runners in his apartment here last night. He chose to shoot and in a hail of bullets killed C. N. Wilson and scared away two other assailants.

Ormes is in jail charged with murder. Joseph Korotko, said by police to be a member of a New York rum gang, and a woman calling herself Lorene King are being held as accessories. Police say the King woman is the widow of "dago" Frank Whetten, an Indian apollo rum runner killed by his jacks near that city several weeks ago.

CHICAGO, April 6 (AP)—Two gangsters walked up behind Frank "Red" Krueger last night as he sat in an automobile and shot him twice in the back of the head. Krueger, a beer runner, died before reaching a hospital.

WAR OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON PEEVED OVER NACO INCIDENT

Energetic Measures Planned by U. S.; 12 Attack and Six Observation Planes Ordered to Naco by Gen. Lassiter; Soldiers at Camp Little Ordered to Remain in Camp for Further Orders

NACO, Ariz., Apr. 6 (AP)—A bomb from a rebel plane fell far on the American side of the line at 11:50 a. m. today. Charles Newton was wounded slightly by a bomb which fell in his back yard.

REBELS BEATEN BACK

NACO, Sonora, Apr. 6 (AP)—General Fausto Topete's rebel forces were beaten back after a mass attack against the Naco federal trenches today.

NACO, Sonora, Apr. 6 (AP)—In the face of withering gunfire rebel troops under General Rausto Topete, attacking the federal garrison here at noon today, had gained the protection of a cemetery east of town and had driven the federal troops from the front line trenches.

The United States trooper, a negro, shot while on line duty east of Naco this morning, was brought to the cavalry camp field hospital and identified as Private John Fineze, of Troop E. He was not fatally injured, the camp surgeon said. Fineze was struck in the chest by a bullet fired from the Mexican side of the line. A Mexican woman shot in the back while on the American side, also was in the camp hospital, and a Mexican child, also on the American side, was reported struck in the mouth by a bullet.

U. S. OFFICIALS INCENSED

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (AP)—War and state department officials were incensed today over reports of the shooting of an American cavalryman, and the firing on American troops by Mexicans from across the international line early today.

Energetic measures to curb the activities of the rebel forces which endanger the lives and property of Americans on the United States side of the line are expected to be promptly taken by the military authorities in charge of the situation in Arizona.

Secretary Stimson and General Pershing decided that the time has come to put a stop to the indiscriminate endangering of Americans and instructions have been sent to Major General Lassiter at San Antonio to take steps at once to impress the rebel leaders in Naco that the United States will not tolerate recurrence of the incident.

PLANES ORDERED OUT SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Apr. 6 (AP)—Twelve attack airplanes from Fort Crockett, fully equipped for fighting and six observation airplanes from Dodd field, were ordered to Naco, Ariz., by Major General William Lassiter, corps area commander, this morning to patrol the air along the border in the vicinity of that town.

The planes were ordered to reach Naco not later than Sunday.

HOLD SOLDIERS READY NOGALES, Ariz., Apr. 6 (AP)—All United States soldiers stationed at Camp Little here have been ordered to remain in camp to await further orders, according to Colonel Shipp, commanding officer of the 25th U. S. Infantry.

FORMALITIES WAIVED NACO, Ariz., Apr. 6 (AP)—The Mexican federal troop train carrying approximately 300 soldiers arrived here at 9:25 o'clock. Apparently all international formalities have been waived and it is indicated the troops will be immediately sent across the line to reinforce the federal garrison.

HOT FIGHTING AT NACO NACO, Ariz., Apr. 6 (AP)—Hot combat for possession of Naco, Sonora, was being waged in a wide semi-circle around the federal trenches today.

Bullets sizzled and ricocheted across the main street of Naco, Ariz., as firing from both flanks became intense.

Shortly before concerted firing opened, a long column of rebel troops with a red rebel flag in the lead marched down an open road from General Fausto Topete's troop train.

Rebels Use Tanks The troops were deployed right and left and moved rapidly behind the advancing cavalry. As soon as the federal outposts had been driven back, the infantry and tank advance became general, to the accompaniment of vicious rifle and machine gun fire from both sides.

Rebel tanks waddled and dodged about the mesquite grove plain, spitting machine gun bullets from their armored sides. Rebel cavalry closed in and drove federal outposts back to the main trenches. Fire from the federal entrenchments became hot and rapid as columns of rebel infantry moved up and deployed across the plateau.

Rebel planes were searching out the federal machine gun nests and raining more bombs on the federal trenches.

Two missiles exploded within 20 feet of the building occupied as

headquarters. The rebel tanks were keeping up a terrific fire.

General Topete was attacking with a force numbered between 1500 and 2000 men.

General forces inside the garrison numbered approximately 600 men.

The twin cities of Naco, Sonora and Arizona were rocked by a preliminary battle blast at 5 o'clock this morning when a dynamite charge wrecked a locomotive at a round house inside the federal lines. Electric light wires had been cut and both towns thrown into darkness a few minutes before the shattering explosion. It was some time before the cause of the blast was learned definitely.

A troop of the 10th United States Cavalry, Troop E, was shot in the chest four miles east of Naco when a line patrol squad of which he was a member discovered 75 grenades tied up in sacks near the boundary on the American side and was attacked by Mexicans. A Mexican patrol, apparently from rebel forces, approached from the Mexican side of the line toward the bomb heap and was challenged by the cavalrymen. The Mexicans fired, dropping one trooper. The wounded man's companions returned the fire and the Mexican patrol evaporated.

Troop E of the 10th Cavalry was called out in force before day-

FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS FOUR IN FRAUD CASE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 6 (AP)—A federal jury today returned a verdict of guilty in the case of H. P. Collins, Phoenix, Ariz.; E. R. Anderson, Vancouver, Wash.; A. E. Downing and W. C. Gunther, Portland, charged with using the mail to defraud in connection with a promotion of the Southwest Sily Lead Association, Las Cruces, N. M.

Collins and Downing were sentenced to 13 months at McNeil Island and fined \$500 each. Anderson and Gunther were given 10 months in the county jail and fined \$500 each. Thousands of dollars of stock was sold in Washington, Idaho, California and Oregon.

BASEBALL

EXHIBITION GAMES At Philadelphia: R. H. E. Phillies 5 2 2 Athletics 6 5 0 Batteries: Willoughby, Ferguson and Davis; Wilberg and Cochran.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE GAMES TODAY At Sacramento: Innings Portland 000 100 0 Sacramento 100 102 0 Batteries: Ortman and Rego, Bryan and Koehler.

At Los Angeles: Innings Hollywood 01 Los Angeles 02 Batteries: Shellenback and Bauer; Roberts and Hannah.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—29 above. Minimum—25 above. Condition—Cloudy, unsettled.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 35, minimum 27, above. Condition—Precipitation .69 of inch, snow.

WEATHER APR. 6, 1929 Maximum 42, minimum 20 above. Condition—Clear.